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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith would move to amend, AM3362. (Legislative Journal page 1695.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Smith, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Very briefly, this amendment is one that removes the keno and pickle card provisions in the bill and remains intact the compulsive gamblers assistance to meet the needs, the very great needs, of compulsive gambling in the state of Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Redfield, on the Smith amendment.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. We've had a long day and I thought that perhaps it might be good to just share a lighthearted note. But I have an Internet story here that is true, based on fact, and it told us about an organization that after the 1929 stock market crash was the very first in the city of Chicago to open soup kitchens after that crash and people were hurting. They also gave out clothes and food to the needy at their expense. They owned a cleaning operation, but everyone is going to recognize the name of the person who headed this organization. It was Al Capone. Good works do not make a good organization. A good organization does not necessarily make a good activity. We are talking here about good organizations. I don't believe we're talking about good activities. I hope that you'll support Senator Smith as he tries to amend this bill and make it something that would be good for all Nebraskans. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Lynch, on the Smith amendment.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support the amendment. I supported the amendment when I offered my original charitable gaming bill. Senator Smith came back to me and mentioned how he thought this was important. There were others, too. I know Senator Dwite Pedersen thinks it's important and a lot of you. Probably Senator Jensen thinks it's important. Now this is money that's available already through the state lottery and other form of revenues, and it can be used, but we have to